GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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COLD CHAIN FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in Business Line dated January 1,2008 captioned, "Government in talks with Dole Food for cold chain facilities;

(b) if so, the details of the talks with the US based food processing company Dole Food Company to set up cold chain facilities and backward linkages in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) takes steps to attract private investment including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Food Processing sector which has great potential for growth of employment and income. Dole Food Company alongwith others have shown preliminary interest in investments in strengthening cold chain infrastructure and backward linkages leading to higher income to farmers and overall development of food processing industries in the country.